

February 22, 1951.

Mrs and Mrs. A. Novick,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Jane and Aaron:

As usual, I seem to have left half my belongings behind! Thanks for sending the expense account forms, which of course, were very useful. But did you happen to notice a Remington electric shaver? I can't remember whether this is more likely to be home or at the lab, but probably the former. Since this morning, there isn't so much urgency about it, as I was able to borrow a new one from the Remington service agency here in town, which seems to me a rather remarkable courtesy. I would appreciate it very much if you could verify whether I did leave it, and arrange to send it back.

With the help of the cab, it proved not to be too difficult to lug the phone equipment back to Madison, and I must say that its performance more than repays the cost and trouble. We'll probably go broke buying records now. This is the second outside activity I've more or less followed your lead on (the first being 35mm color photography), and I do welcome the advice on equipment that you gave.

Van Niel is in town now, and gave a dandy talk on denitrification last night. We had a pleasant hour with him yesterday; tonight he's scheduled for "Current Views on the problem of the origin of life", which ought to bring down the house. Unfortunately, he came here via New York and Washington, so was probably out of town long before I saw you. He was greatly disappointed to learn that you probably are not going West-- as he has apparently been expecting you since last summer.

The 5:30 train on the CNW out of Chicago was an excellent run; as advance planning for your next trip here, I think you can do best on this line provided you connect with a streamliner. The Dakota 400 (lv Chi 9:45AM; lv Madison 5:20PM) is probably the best of all.

I don't know how to thank you adequately for your hospitality on my visits; you realize, of course, that you are inflicting them on yourself this way. The thaw now gives some promise of Spring-- perhaps you can then be persuaded to get away from it all, here.

Sincerely,